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**Via E-mail and Regular Mail**

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Executive Secretary  
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**Re:   Petition for Leave to Intervene  
      Great Basin Mine Watch's Appeal of Water Pollution Control  
      Permit NEV0087001, Big Springs Mine**

Dear Mr. Walker:

On August 8, 2005, you received from Great Basin Mine Watch ("GBMW") a request for an appeal hearing on Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0087001, Big Springs Mine ("Big Springs Permit"). Pursuant to NAC 445B.8915, AngloGold Ashanti (Nevada) Corp. ("AngloGold Ashanti") respectfully submits this petition for leave to intervene in the permit appeal proceeding ("Proceeding"). As grounds therefor, AngloGold Ashanti states as follows:

a.     The Proceeding in which AngloGold Ashanti requests leave to intervene is:

GBMW's appeal to the State Environmental Commission ("Commission") of the Big Springs Permit.

b.     The name and address of the petitioner is:

AngloGold Ashanti (Nevada) Corp.  
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At this time, AngloGold Ashanti is being represented by:

Mr. Peter O'Connor  
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c. The interest of AngloGold Ashanti in the Proceeding is as follows:

AngloGold Ashanti has a direct and substantial interest in the Proceeding as it is the named permittee of the Big Springs Permit being appealed by GBMW and, as such, will be directly affected by a decision of the Commission.

d. The manner in which AngloGold Ashanti will be affected by the appeal is as follows:

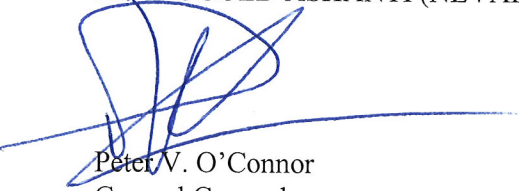
AngloGold Ashanti will be affected by the appeal as it is the named permittee of the Big Springs Permit as noted under point (c) above. Moreover, AngloGold Ashanti has been implementing a Closure Plan at the Big Springs Mine in cooperation with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection ("NDEP"), U.S. Forest Service, and other interested agencies since 1995. In issuing the Big Springs Permit, NDEP recognized and accounted for the terms and conditions of the Closure Plan that have been implemented and included provisions in the Big Springs Permit that allow for the continued closure of the Big Springs Mine in accordance with those terms and conditions. Thus, the Big Springs Permit and the Closure Plan go hand-in-hand and changes to the Big Springs Permit could have significant implications on the Closure Plan.

e. At this time, AngloGold Ashanti intends to present evidence at the Proceeding.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition to intervene. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 303-889-0775.

Sincerely,

ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI (NEVADA) CORP.



Peter V. O'Connor  
General Counsel

cc: Leo Drozdoff/David Gaskin/Kurt Kolbe – NDEP  
William Frey – DAG  
Nicole Rinke – GBMW